

# *The BoarsTale . . .Online*

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## **Commanders' Column**

**Brig.Gen. John Oldfield, Chief of Staff**

Recent events have me examining my mortality more than ever before. As many of you know, I recently lost my closest friend. He went into the hospital with what I viewed as a painful, but treatable problem, and was to be released in a few days. Within three days he was in CCU, and within five weeks he passed away peacefully. I was with him when he died.



An event such as this will definitely get you thinking. So what's the point, and what did I learn from this tragic event? First and foremost, I developed a much stronger relationship with God. I realize as I never had before, that dying is simply another step in living. Don's death, as untimely as it was, was a spiritual event for me. As hard as I had prayed for him to live, I realized that he was now at peace and that my unanswered prayers were a blessing.

The second thing I learned was to appreciate my family and friends as I never had before, and to make sure they know it. I also learned that if you tell your family and friends at every opportunity how much you love and cherish them, you will be rewarded beyond your imagination.

The third thing I learned is to live your life in a way that makes your family, friends and co-workers proud.

Don was an extremely successful contractor. He built every house as if he were going to live in it. He accepted no compromises when it came to quality.

Although Don was not a member of the Georgia Air National Guard, he was a great supporter. He attended two national conventions with me, and went on one civic leader's trip to visit several air bases. He was thoroughly impressed by the professionalism he met in the Georgia Air National Guard and commented on the values of our members. He was familiar with integrity, service and excellence.

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## **Weekend UTA Schedule**

### **Saturday**

0645 Formation  
0700 Joint Staff Meeting (Officers & Enlisted)  
Auditorium  
1100 Lunch  
1530 Release

### **Sunday**

0645 Formation  
0700 Chapel Service  
0800 Promotion Boards Convene  
1100 Lunch  
1300 Commanders Call  
1530 Release



## **ANG News from the Field:**

### **165<sup>th</sup> Doctors Deploying to Peru**

For more than 35 medical personnel from the 165<sup>th</sup> Medical Squadron in Savannah, the Amazon jungle and the native people of Ayachucho, Peru will be their local community for fifteen days of active duty. The Savannah based unit will deploy one hour from Lima to a remote village in the Amazonian highlands to care for the indigenous population in the first South American humanitarian mission for the 165<sup>th</sup> Medical Squadron.

"We first applied for an overseas European tour for our summer AT," said Msgrt July Jones. "But when none became available National Guard Bureau suggested a humanitarian tour to South America." The Savannah physicians will be the first National Guard unit visiting the remote village although active Air Force doctors have visited the remote village several times before.

### **2000 UTA Schedule:**

20-21 May	16-17 September
24-25 June	21-22 October
15-16 July	18-19 November
19-20 August	9-10 December

## May Promotion Boards

**Enlisted Promotion Board**  
**President: Lt Col John Scoggins**

**Officer Promotion Board**  
**President: Lt Col Wallace Mays**  
**Capt. Beth Weber- Recorder**

**530th AF Band**  
**by Msgt C.D Prange**

### **Q. What is the 530th Air Force Band, why is it at Dobbins, and who makes up its members?**

A. We are one of eleven numbered air force bands located around the nation serving our Air National Guard communities, spread from Massachusetts to California and Illinois to Texas. The 530th performs ceremonial, popular, and patriotic music throughout Georgia, Florida, Alabama, and South Carolina.

The 530th did not relocate to Warner-Robins with the 116th BW because an active duty full time air force (continued on page 4)

### **165 Docs Deploy to Peru** (continued from pg 1)

Three schools, one more than one hour away from the main village, will be the locations where 165<sup>th</sup> doctors and nurses will be treating local population. For security reasons, a six foot wall surrounds each location.

“We expect to see numerous cases of skin diseases because of the high humidity, gastro-intestinal problems, diarrhea due to the poor sanitation and dental problems,” said Jones, who visited Ayachucho during pre-site visits in December. To address these problems, the Savannah team includes a surgeon, several dentists, a general practitioner, several physician assistants, nurses, an internist, a pharmacist and several administrative persons. Five of the team members speak Spanish. The Savannah medical team will also take along more than 5,000 eyeglasses received from a local community group for distribution to the villagers.

Once in Ayachucho, the team will not be alone. Two 20-person security details will shadow the movement

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## Chaplain's Corner

by Clint Smith

### *Service Before Self*

We recognize the phrase ‘Service Before Self’ as one of our core values in the Air National Guard. Our sworn duty is to serve our state and nation and to provide for the security of our citizens. In fact, we are fulfilling our patriotic duty. I believe that recruiting and retention goals can be given a boost with a renewed focus on patriotism.

Many National Guardsmen in Georgia serve others in the community through active participation in civic organizations and charitable foundations. As true citizen soldiers and airmen, the bond that we share with the community can only be enhanced by such participation.

In the Bible, true greatness is measured by servanthood. The Gospels tell us that ‘He who would be the greatest among you must be the servant of all.’ Jesus Christ came to serve and die. But he arose from the dead in order to change history and our lives. Everyone who accepts him as Lord and Savior can be given a new outlook on life. Our self-serving attitudes will vanish, only to be replaced by a renewed spirit of service to others in the community.

**Read: Mark 8 : 1-10**

**Chapel Service: Sunday, 25 June, at 0700 hours in the Base Chapel**

**Happy Birthday**

**MSgt Steve Baughman**  
**TSgt Alene Bowers**

**9 June**  
**23 June**

### Schedule for Staff Assistance Visits

CRTC	8 June
224 JCSS	24 June
165ASOS	25 June
116BW	19-20 August

## Don't forget our Georgian Orphanages!

Headquarters continues its efforts to collect items to send to the Republic of Georgia for the orphans. We already have several boxes filled with toys, games, clothes, shoes, etc. A ship container will probably be sent at the end of this year, or sooner if we get it filled! So, each UTA bring something from your closets. That tricycle or bike? A little oiling, a new chain, and a Georgian child could be the proud owner. Or that winter coat or those shoes. Now you know where you can take these where they will be so appreciated, and all the good will be used out of them." And how about those games or children's books? Can't you see Georgian children reading about Raggedy Ann, Poo and Tigger, playing Star Wars Monopoly, and as their minds are challenged and grow with Americana subtly learn that our democracy is the right way of life.

Yes, let your imagination run away, as you gather up items for the Georgian orphans (our orphans - like you, I am beginning to think of them as ours). Collectively, our small efforts can make a difference in this young, next generation.

***Suggestion: Put a big box in your garage, or storage room, and all during the month find and drop in donated items. If you are like me, it won't take long to fill it up. Then, bring the contents each UTA.***

## 165 Docs Deploy to Peru (continued from Pg 3)

of the medical personnel throughout their stay because of serious security concerns heightened recently by local elections. The team will be staying in a former Peruvian military compound with no electricity or plumbing.

All food and water will have to be brought with the team. Two 165<sup>th</sup> C-130s will transport the team and all its supplies for the next fifteen days directly from Savannah, through Puerto Rico and then on to Ayachucho.

"This will be real world training for our people," said Jones. "Altitude will be a major fatigue factor for our people since the village is 12,000 feet above sea level, in addition to the fact that it is winter in Peru and in the high mountains it will be cold."

## Sparkle for your Health –

### *The Heat of Summer*

Col Morgan

As a young lad I worked on our farm doing physical labor all summer long. Those were long, hot hours. My Dad and I would mow, rake and bale hay, stack it in hay barns, some 20 feet tall, and sell the hay during the winter. We would go from field to field. Good work, and hard. In particular, the loading of bales of hay on trucks and then stacking them in the barns was my job, and so, I learned about heat stress in a personal way. I sometimes saw farm helpers "fall out" from getting too hot. We used to call it "seeing the monkey" – when someone got so hot that they just started wandering, stumbling off across the field, and when we would run to go get them they were like a walking zombie. We would drag them in the shade, fan them, and pour ice water over and in them.

Now, however, my exposure to the Georgia summer heat is going from my office to the car in the afternoons, and working in my yard on the weekends, or doing my jogging each week. And frankly, like you, I don't enjoy or tolerate the summer heat as I once did as a young boy, but I have learned to not let it stop my activities.

How do we cope? How can we learn to adapt to the summer heat, and be safe? With some wisdom, and preparation you can.

First, prepare yourself for the heat of summer. Do so by continuing physical activities throughout the spring into summer. Spring, with each week getting a little warmer, gives you time to acclimate yourself to the summer's heat. For example, I like to jog, and I do so during my lunch hour. I find that if I keep up this routine that by July and August I can still do my couple of miles in 95 degrees, 95% humidity. Yes, it takes longer to cool down, but by building up my heat tolerance, I can enjoy my weekend activities even during the hot days of summer.

Second, as good Guardsmen we have learned, hydrate, hydrate, and hydrate. Water is the essence of survivability and prevention of heat related problems, such as dehydration, heat stress, and heat stroke. Drink plenty of water, and do so before you begin your heat exposed exertions.

Third, protect your skin. Wear proper clothes - broad brimmed, ventilated hats, and loose, light clothes. Sunscreen exposed areas when necessary.

Finally, as an aside, protect your eyes with sunglasses. The reason that each of us will one day have cataract surgery is from our lifetime of damaging exposure to ultraviolet light in the sunny South.

Keep a sparkle in your summer activities. Be safe and enjoy.

## **Newcomer's Welcome:**

**Lt Col David Jones** has been assigned as the new State Inspector General for HQ, Georgia Air National Guard. Jones was formerly the IG for the 116BW. He replaces Col Jack Hill who will be leaving the Guard for the Selective Service Administration.

**Staff Sergeant Danyal Colbert** recently completed in-residence Airman Leadership School on 1 June at Hanscom AFB, MA. She was promoted in June to Staff Sergeant.

Congratulations to **CMSgt James J. Ivins** who was promoted to Chief at ceremonies at the Senate Chambers in May. (Photo in this month's attached Photo File)

**Msgt Kim Gantt** joins HQ as the Personnel Technician for HRO.

**Applications are now being accepted for the position of Human Resource Advisor currently occupied by CMSgt Watson Fluellen. Packages must be in by COB on 23 June '00.**

### **530th Air Force Band (con't from pg 3)**

band, the Air Force Band of the Reserve, is stationed there. Regulations do not permit two air force bands to be on the same base. A majority of our members live within Dobbins commuting distance while one fifth commute from as far away as Savannah, Toccoa, and east Alabama.

And now the musicians - one third are professional school music educators, another third have performed professionally as entertainers, choir directors, in church orchestras, or participate in college music programs. Our typical member completes at least twenty years of service with several of our retirees within the last five years attaining the age of sixty with up to forty one years service to the Georgia Air National Guard. We are all traditional guardsmen (and women).

After participating in the Youth Challenge Academy graduation ceremonies in Macon on June 17th, and the Jekyll Conference on June 9-11, we are preparing for our summer tour to Savannah during the week prior to July 4th, with appearances throughout Savannah with the finale at the riverfront Tuesday night fireworks.

## **The History of TAPS**

*It all began in 1862, during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.*

*During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moan of a soldier who lay mortally wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.*

*Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The captain lit a lantern.*

*Suddenly, he caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, he enlisted in the Confederate Army.*

*The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was partially granted. The captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for the son at the funeral.*

*That request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. Out of respect for the father, they did say they would give him on musician.*

*The captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of his dead son's uniform. This wish was granted. This music was the haunting melody we now know as TAPS that is used at all military funerals.*

***Day is done, gone the  
sun, from the lakes, from the  
hills, from the sky. All is well.  
Safely rest. God is nigh.***

## **Security Packages Must be Completed**

Capt Weber advises that all HQ Guardsmen who have outdated security clearances, to complete these forms this UTA. This process can be on the computer set up for this purpose. Check with Capt Weber to see if you are delinquent and instructions how to complete this via computer.

### ***Commander's Column (continued from pg 1)***

He practiced those same values in his profession and because of that felt a strong attachment to the men and women of the Guard.

Don Reese is a shining example of the legacy you can leave if you have values and live by them. He lived by the same values we claim as our own and touched hundreds of lives with his skill and generosity.

As members of the Georgia Air National Guard we have a duty to do the same. If a person who is not a member of our organization can be touched so by what we believe in, we can do no less.

